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Son. Acrobat.
The Flying Grayson.

Dick.

Sidekick. Sensation.
The Boy Wonder.

Robin.

Hero. Protector.
The Dark Heir.

Nightwing.

Prisoner. Casualty.
The Unmasked Martyr.

Dead.

TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.
26 KM OUTSIDE OF ULAN-UDE.

Agent. Mole.
The Spy Reborn.

GRAYSON

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MATRON. I'M ATOP THE CAR.

GOOD FOR YOU, AGENT 37.

YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING ANY OF MY FIRST YEAR GIRLS WOULD BE CAPABLE OF.

MEET ME IN THE CABIN AND SHOW ME WHAT YOU CAN DO. IMPRESS ME.

Hngh.

Hmh.

TAK

GHK.

=SIGH= THE DOWNSIDE OF A SOLO ACT. NO ONE AROUND TO SEE YOU DO THE COOL STUFF.

DAMN. THAT WAS PRETTY COOL.

GARDENER, THIS IS *BLACK OAK. RUSSIAN FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE* AND UNKNOWN PLAYER EN ROUTE TO *ASSET.* LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A HOT ONE.

<TICKETS. NEED YOUR TICKETS.>

<EXCUSE ME, SIR. TICKET?>

BUT OF COURSE, *K'RASEEVAYA JEVOCHKA.*

OH. HA. WELCOME TO THE *TRANS-MONGOLIAN LINE, SIR.* ENJOY YOUR TRIP.

<YOU ARE ENJOYING YOUR MEAL?>

<YES. SO HUNGRY. *Mm.* PASS ME THE WINE, PLEASE.>*

*TRANSLATED FROM RUSSIAN.

<THANK YOU, MA'AM. IT'S HOT IN HERE, NO? SO HOT.>

Hrnk.

<ALL GONE. SUCH A SHAME. PERHAPS YOU'LL LET A LADY BUY YOU A DRINK, MR.--?>

NO SMOKING

<DUBOV. NINEL.>

< A WISE MAN ***NEVER*** TURNS DOWN A DRINK FROM A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.>

<EXCUSE US, PLEASE.>

TARGET IS SHOWING SIGNS OF RESISTANCE TO THE ***NARCOTEX*** I SLIPPED INTO HIS CHARDONNAY. TARGET IS HEADING YOUR WAY, ***AGENT 37.***

WHAT, HE DIDN'T GO FOR YOUR "CHARMS," MATRON? I THOUGHT YOU TAUGHT THE CLASS ON THAT.

I WAS... INTERCEPTED.

*GUESS YOU SHOULD HAVE USED YOUR **HYPNOS.***

*I DO NOT **NEED** HYPNOS.*

<OH, MR. DUBOV, LET ME HELP YOU COOL DOWN.>

<SORRY. YOU ARE SO *PRETTY*, AND I HAVE BEEN *ALONE* FOR SOME TIME-->

HEY, HONEY...

...IF *OL' LEAKY* THERE IS YOUR DATE, I THINK YOU NEED THIS MORE THAN I DO.

NO, THANK YOU.

YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE "MAIL ORDER RUSSIAN BRIDES," AREN'T YOU? HEY, I GOT AN EXTRA COUPLE OF AMERICAN DOLLARS AND THAT'S WORTH LIKE A MILLION RUBLES--

GET AWAY--

Whup!

ИДИОТ!

<HRMPH. DON'T GO ANYWHERE. I WILL BE RIGHT BACK, MR. DUBOV.>

RUSSIAN CHICKS, MAN. ALWAYS GETTING THEIR *BABUSHKAS* IN A BUNDLE, RIGHT?

<DAMN AMERICAN TOURIST.>

<*MAKSIM*. COME IN. TESTING.>

KRZT

<MAKSIM? CAN YOU HEAR ME?>

<CHEAP RUSSIAN EQUIP-->

NINEL?

OH.. WOO...

<ARE YOU OKAY?>

<YES. YES... FINE.>

<TOO MUCH RED WINE, PERHAPS?>

<NO, I DIDN'T HAVE-->

OH.

PARALYTIC AGENT IN THE WINE ON YOUR AMPLE CHEST, MY DEAR.

Y-YOU. ARE. CIA? CH-CHECKMATE? ARG--UUHH.

NO. NOW SHUT UP AND ENJOY THE SCENERY.

SECOND SVR AGENT* NEUTRALIZED. YOU HAVE THE TARGET?

SLEEPING LIKE A CHUBBY, SLIPPERY BABY.

*RUSSIAN FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

THE NARCOTEX WORKED?

NO, I HAD TO NERVE-PINCH THE POOR GUY AND DRAG HIM THROUGH THE BATHROOM WINDOW.

SHOULD HAVE USED THE HYPNOS.

NOT QUITE... CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO USE THAT YET. I'D LIKE TO AVOID MAKING A TWO-BRAIN SCRAMBLE, IF I CAN.

EXTRACTION POINT COMING UP.

I SEE IT. GONNA WISH ME LUCK?

THERE'S NO SUCH THING.

FINE.

I DON'T NEED IT ANYWAY.

NINEL. NINEL DUBOV.

Nuhh... Wuhh?

MATRON! TARGET IS UNDER FIRE!

PAK

I DON'T HAVE TO RE-BRIEF YOU ON WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF HIS CONTAINMENT IS BREACHED--

NO. I HAVE TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE.

I'M YOUR *FRIEND*, NINEL. YOU'VE BEEN LONELY AND AFRAID FOR SO LONG. I JUST WANT TO HELP YOU.

AND YOU WANT TO HELP ME. THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS DO.

YES. HELP YOU. FRIEND.

Лучшие друзья навсегда!

PAK PAK PAK PAK PAK

COME ON, NINEL. WE'RE GOING TO THE NUCLEAR SILO! IT'LL BE FUN!

DA. FUN!

ALL RIGHT, BUDDY. WE'RE JUST GOING TO RELAX HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE AND--

NINEL.

TAK

WHAT'D YOU DO TO NINEL?!

I PUT HIM BACK TO SLEEP. HE'S LUCKY THAT'S *ALL* I DID. HE'S DANGEROUS. BETTER OFF *DEAD.*

NOT BAD, BOY. I CAN READ THE ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY INSIDE THAT PRETTY HEAD. NO SUPERPOWERS. NO MEATWARE. BUT YOU FOUND ME ANYWAY.

I KNOW YOUR TYPE.

Hnh. WELL-TRAINED.

DISCIPLINED, BUT NOT AVERSE TO IMPROVISATION. YOU FIGHT LIKE JAZZ.

SO, TELL ME, WHOM DO YOU WORK FOR?

WHY DO YOU WANT THE *SKIN-MULE?* OR DO YOU EVEN KNOW?

I WANT TO HELP HIM. AND YOU TALK AN AWFUL LOT FOR THE GRIM 'N' GRITTY TYPE.

Enh. I WAS CURIOUS.

KRAK

KRAK

Hnh!

BUT THAT'S DONE. NOW YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD ***MIDNIGHTER*** IS JUST PLAIN ***PISSED OFF!***

DAMN IT, KID, DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT GAME YOU'RE PLAYING HERE? DO YOU KNOW--

*Nuh...*YOU LITTLE BASTARD. ***HYPNOS IMPLANT...***

...THAT MEANS ***SPYRAL.***

THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT HERE TO HELP THIS DUMBASS AT ALL. YOU'RE HERE TO USE HIM. CONTROL HIS DIM MIND AND EXPLOIT HIM.

IT ALSO MEANS THAT IF YOU GET AWAY, I WON'T REMEMBER THAT CHARMING FACE.

I'M DONE GOING EAS--

THROOM

Hnk!

NINEL...

I HELP YOU. IS WHAT FRIENDS DO.

NINEL. YOU'RE BURNING UP. I NEED YOU TO VENT--

Hnh. MY HEAD. IS... IS TRUE WHAT DARK MAN SAID? YOU ARE-- CONTROLLING ME?

NO, NINEL. I'M YOUR FRIEND. YOU'VE BEEN LONELY AND--

Hunh... SO HOT...

...

NINEL. I *AM* USING YOU. JUST LIKE THE MEN WHO ASKED YOU TO HELP THEM SMUGGLE WHAT'S INSIDE YOU. LIKE THE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN ON THE TRAIN.

I'M JUST LIKE THEM.

YOU'RE NOT MY FRIEND.

YOU'RE JUST A LOSER I KNOW I CAN MANIPULATE.

Nuh. NYET.

NYET!

BAKOOM

BAKOOM

AGENT 37. IS TARGET READY FOR EXTRACTION?

NEGATIVE, MATRON.

TARGET IS STILL HOT.

OH, AND THIS TIME, MATRON?

NYET...

I COULD REALLY USE THE LUCK.

RMMMMMMBLE

COMPUTER
DESKTOP

Hm. A BIT MORE CONSPICUOUS THAN I MIGHT HAVE LIKED.

BUT, AS YOU SAID, YOU DID HAVE TO FIGHT OFF SOME KIND OF BLACK-OPS FETISH MAN, SO PERHAPS INCONSPICUOUS WENT OUT THE WINDOW.

BESIDES, A SUCCESSFUL MISSION IS A SUCCESSFUL MISSION, AND SPYRAL'S OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. SO I WILL ATTRIBUTE THE EXPLOSIONS AND FALLING BUILDINGS TO THAT AMERICAN FLAIR FOR THEATRICS, AGENT 37.

Ah, BUT CODE NAMES ARE SO FORMAL.

SO, LET ME CONGRATULATE YOU NOT AS THE HEAD OF SPYRAL, BUT AS A RELIEVED CITIZEN OF THE WORLD WHO CAN SLEEP BETTER KNOWING ONE MORE DANGEROUS ***META BIO-WEAPON*** HAS BEEN NEUTRALIZED.

EXCELLENT WORK, ***DICK GRAYSON***, AND ***HELENA BERTINELLI.***

I LIVE TO SERVE SPYRAL, ***MISTER MINOS.***

NINEL DUBOV. IS HE--?

MR. DUBOV WILL WAKE UP IN A RESORT HOTEL IN ***SOCHI***, FREE OF THE IMPLANT THAT SOME CHINESE BUTCHER WOULD GLADLY HAVE REMOVED WITH FAR LESS FINESSE THAN OUR OWN SURGEON.

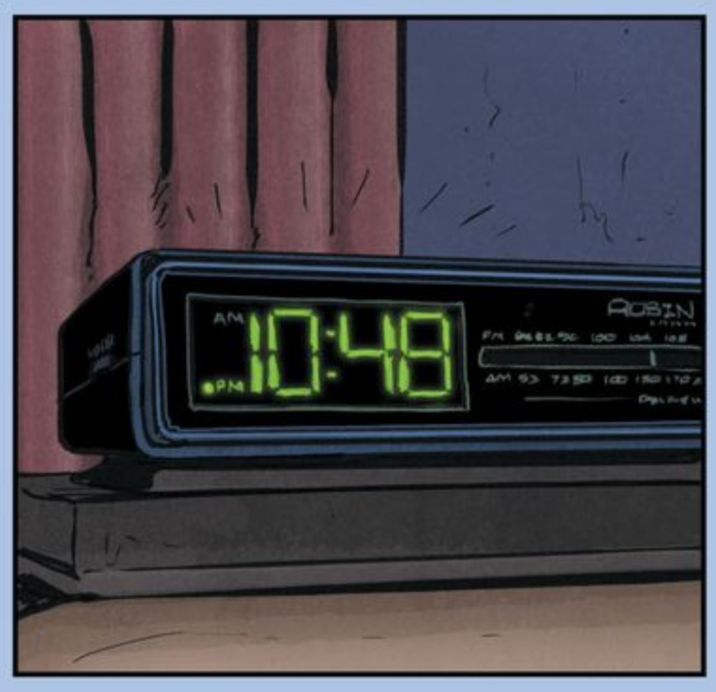
YOUR IDENTITY PROTECTION IMPLANTS ENSURE THAT YOUR FACES CANNOT BE CAPTURED EITHER BY CAMERA OR BY DUBOV'S MEMORY.

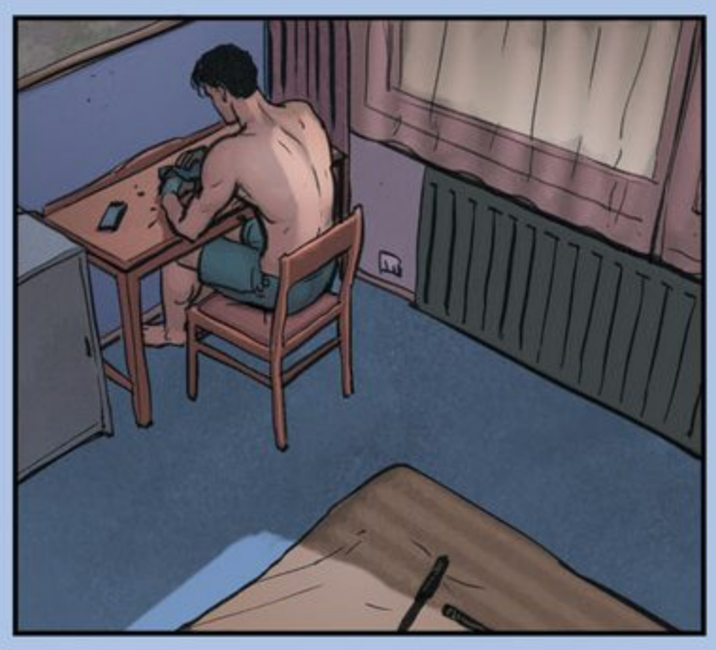
GET SOME REST. ***MIND EROSION***, ***BRAINWASHING***, AND ***MISDIRECTION*** FOR THE SAKE OF SAVING THE WORLD WILL RESUME PROMPTLY IN THE MORNING.

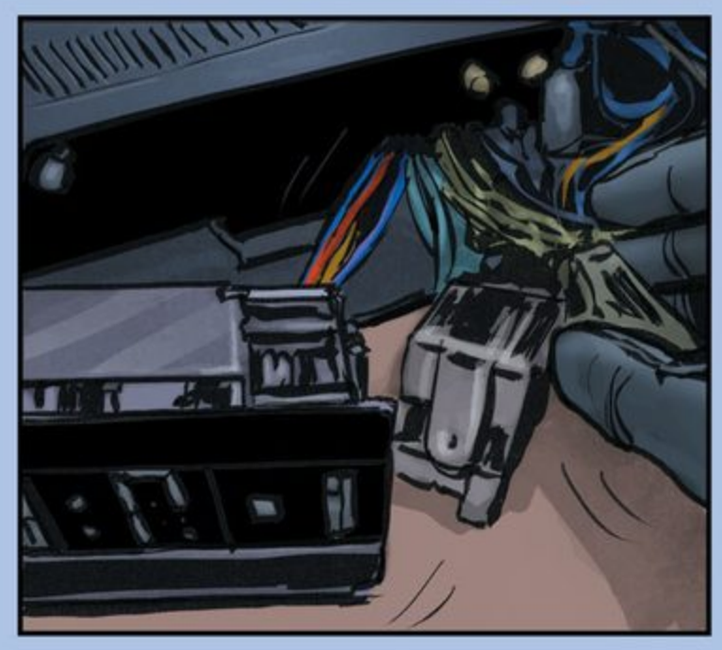
"WE HAVE MORE ORGANS TO RETRIEVE."

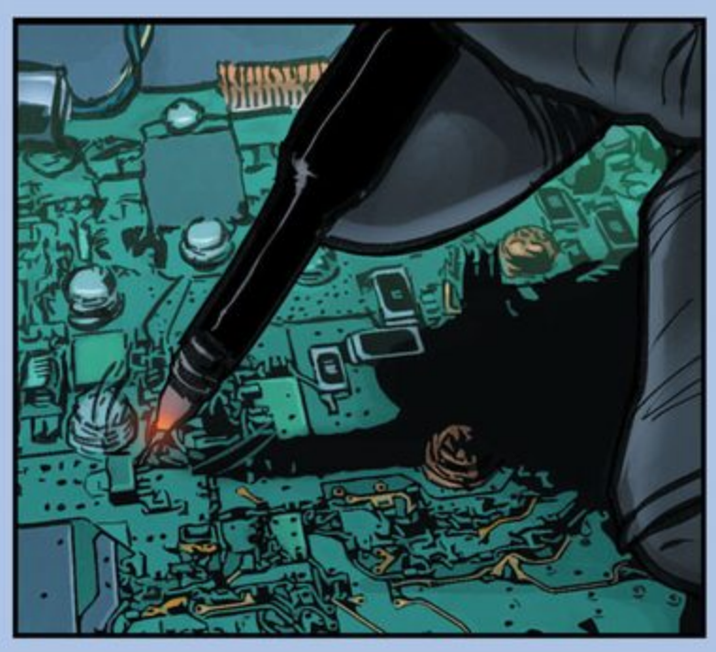
SAINT HADRIAN'S FINISHING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

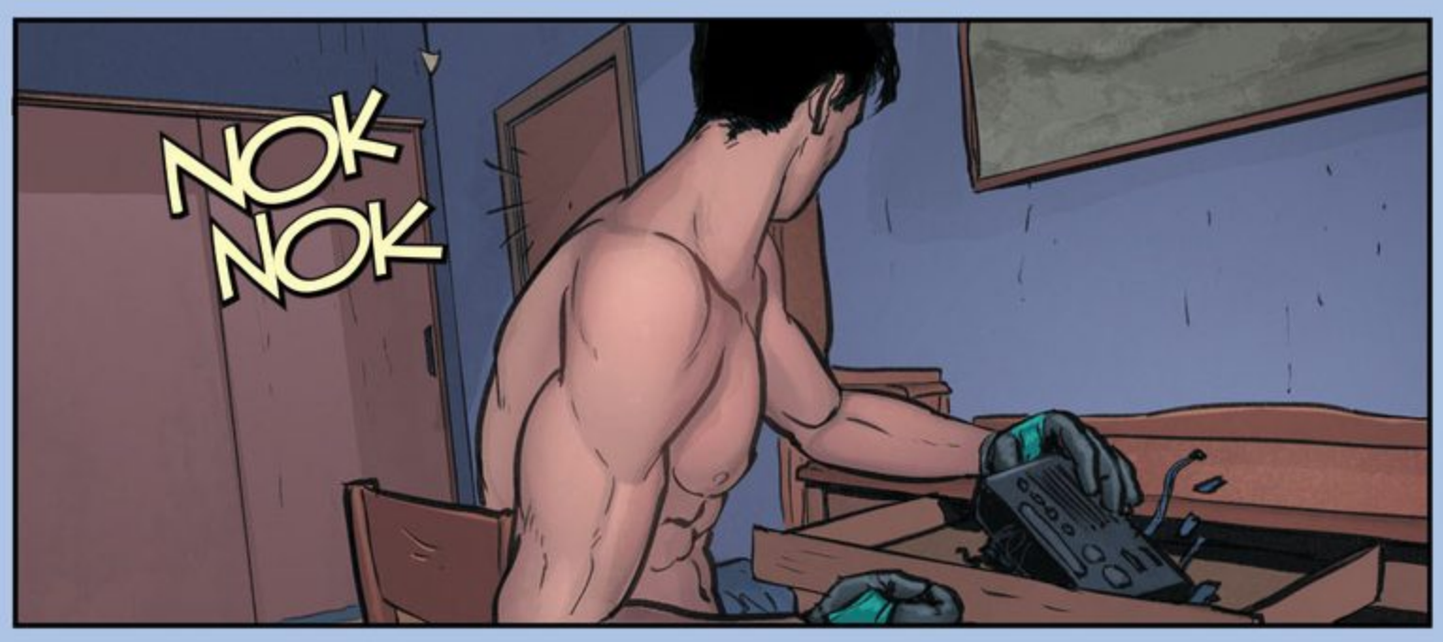
A PRIVATE DORM AWAY FROM THE MAIN HALL.











HELENA--?

AGENT 37. MAY I COME IN?

I'M SORRY THAT DIDN'T GO AS ***SMOOTHLY*** AS YOU WANTED. STILL GETTING USED TO THE JOB.

YOU DID FINE.

THE WAY YOU USED THE HYPNOS, KNOWING HOW DANGEROUS IT CAN BE...THAT KIND OF MANIPULATION OFTEN TAKES ***YEARS*** TO MASTER. I AM... ***IMPRESSED.***

I--I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD AT READING PEOPLE. MOSTLY I USE IT TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO NEXT IN A FIGHT. PULL A GUN. SWING WITH THEIR RIGHT FIST. KICK WITH THEIR LEFT.

NEVER USED IT--LIKE THAT.

SHOW ME WHAT ***ELSE*** YOU CAN DO.

Mm.

NO. WAIT. WE CAN'T. SPYRAL RULES. RELATIONSHIPS OF ANY KIND ARE STRICTLY ***FORBIDDEN.***

YES. YES, I KNOW, DICK GRAYSON.

I JUST WANTED YOU TO SEE...

...THAT ***I*** DO NOT ***NEED*** HYPNOS.

AH, HOW LIKE A WEB IT ALL IS...

EVERYTHING CONNECTED. AN EVER-WEAVING LOOP, TYING US ALL TOGETHER.

XENOFORM DETECTED

MISTER MINOS. RESULTS CONFIRMED. THE ORGAN IS INDEED PART OF THE ***PARAGON PROTOCOL. ORIGIN TEMPLATE*** CONFIRMED AND UPLOADED.

THANK YOU, ***FRAU NETZ.***

YOU ARE EVERY BIT THE GENIUS YOUR ***FATHER*** WAS.

AND WHERE HE ONCE USED SPYRAL TO ***KILL*** SUPER-HUMANS, WE WILL USE IT TO FIND THE IDENTITIES OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN WHO CROWD OUR SKIES.

WITH GOD-HOOD MUST COME ***TRANSPARENCY.***

POWER CANNOT BE MASKED.

BATMAN
DNA Identification: Human
Secret Identity: Bruce Wayne.
Secondary Confirmation: Interview.
Dr. Leslie Thompkins.
Percentage of Match: 89%

CYBORG
DNA Identification: Human. Unkno
Possibly of "Apokolips" origin.
Secret Identity: Victor Stone.
Secondary Confirmation: Blood records
Percentage of Match: 90%

TO BE CONTINUED!

FLASH

A DC Q&A with the entire creative team!

Hey there, New 52-bies! This is Group Editor Brian Cunningham, and I'm here with the entire *FLASH* crew to preview what's coming up in the series! Here's what we know: The Speed Force is broken, and Flash learns that whenever he uses his power he blinks out of time, sometimes for seconds, sometimes for minutes—and this costs lives, notably the life of one Wally West! Twenty years from now, a future version of Barry Allen—who we call Future Flash—has endured enough tragedy from his absences he travels into the past to fix things he could have prevented had he not blinked out of time. Future Flash's ultimate goal is to come to the present and stop all the bad stuff from happening by killing…himself!

So here are the guys to talk about some of the mind-blowing, time-paradoxing stuff going on in the series!

ANDREW DALHOUSE (Colorist)**:** Y'know, Brian, Gorilla Grodd might take offense to the term "mind-blowing" after what happened to him in the *FLASH ANNUAL* [in April].

ROB VENDITTI (Co-writer)**:** [*Laughs*] That's very true! And the story only gets bigger with each issue. August's issue #34 brings one of the main plots of the first arc to a close, revealing the identity of Mashup, the villain who's been causing all sorts of problems for Flash during the last few months. But that's hardly the only threat to Barry, as Future Flash is on a collision course with the present, and nothing will stop him.

BRETT BOOTH (Penciller)**:** The story Van and Rob are weaving is intricate and unexpected, two things I love to read! One massive plus is getting to design and create new villains and new Flash costumes! I get to work with some of my favorite characters of all time and with great friends... and Norm! [*Laughs*]

ANDREW: Issue #34 has a nice balance of great action scenes and character moments. Barry has a lot to deal with down the line.

VAN JENSEN (Co-writer)**:** Things aren't going Barry's way, are they? At least he's finally starting to connect with Wally West…except Wally *hates* the Flash. How awkward.

In all seriousness, Rob and I have been throwing so much craziness at you guys, but you take it in stride and turn out pages that are even bigger and crazier than we'd imagined. Rob and I are working on the next arc, pushing ourselves to take things up another notch. We'll find your breaking point! [*Brett, Norm and Andrew laugh*]

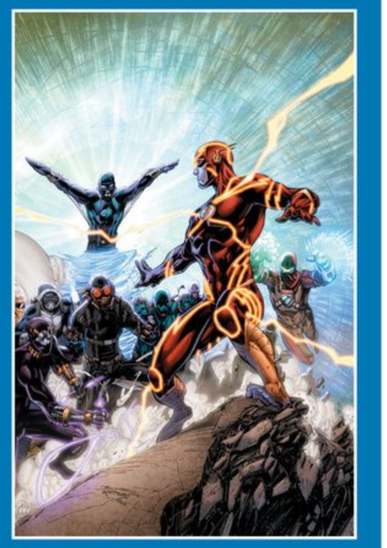
NORM RAPMUND (Inker)**:** Can it be Future Flash versus The Dentist? That's where I'm headed next. One of the most painful and ruthless of the Flash's rogues not yet introduced…THE DENTIST. [*All laugh*]

ROB: And guys, don't forget there's a "Flash" TV show coming in September…

ANDREW: My birthday is in September, so that show is DC's present to me. It looks so awesome.

BRETT: And September also has *FLASH: FUTURES END #1* with the snazzy lenticular cover, where Future Flash fights the 5-years-later Flash.

ROB: And that cover showed the first New 52 appearance of Wally West in a very "Flash" outfit. So, you know, September is going to be a pretty slow month, too.



FLASH #34
Cover by Brett Booth, Norm Rapmund and Andrew Dalhouse

◀ **FLASH** [*Main art*]
Promotional art by Brett Booth, Norm Rapmund and Andrew Dalhouse

IN STORES **AUGUST 2014**

GRAYSON, TEEN TITANS, NEW SUICIDE SQUAD ALL-NEW #1'S

DC All Access

A new age dawns this July for some of the Dark Knight's most well known allies and enemies as four all-new titles arrive in comic book shops!

Along with ROBIN RISES OMEGA #1, which kicks off a storyline carrying over into the BATMAN AND ROBIN ongoing series and centers on Batman's quest to resurrect his son and former partner, Damian Wayne, readers can also follow the adventures of two other former Dark Knight partners and several infamous Arkham Asylum inmates with GRAYSON, TEEN TITANS, and NEW SUICIDE SQUAD.

Spinning out of FOREVER EVIL, GRAYSON picks up on the now forever-changed life of Dick Grayson, whose identity was revealed to the world by the Crime Syndicate of America. Unable to continue fighting crime as Nightwing, the one-time Robin takes on a much more dangerous assignment as an agent of the international spy organization known as Spyral.

And while Grayson goes undercover, another former Boy Wonder finds himself in the spotlight: Red Robin, teenaged superhero-turned-celebrity. In the ever-changing world of social media and news, the Titans' every move is publicized and scrutinized, and while some embrace their newfound fame, others turn against it. Red Robin, Wonder Girl, Bunker, Beast Boy, and Raven enter the world of superhero stardom in TEEN TITANS.

Of course, leave it to villains to make sure the heroes aren't the ones with everything. The NEW SUICIDE SQUAD book heralds the rise of an all-new Task Force X, with new members including Deathstroke, Black Manta, and Joker's Daughter joining previous Squadies Harley Quinn and Deadshot for a mission that takes the team into the heart of Vladimir Putin's Russia!

Be sure to check out these All-New #1's this July and, as always, follow the adventures of the Dark Knight himself in the pages of DETECTIVE COMICS and BATMAN!

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